This summer the Albuquerque Community Foundation celebrated 25 Years of Grantmaking. In 1984, the first year of grant-making, 18 grants were awarded totaling $31,000. First grant recipients included: Arts Alliance, Chamber Orchestra, Explora, Living through Cancer, the historic La Glorieta building at Manzano Day School and the Storehouse.

So far this year, the Foundation has awarded over 400 grants totaling over $2.2 million and financial aid to 140 students totaling $158,000. Over the past 25 years, the Foundation has granted $25.5 million.

The milestone was celebrated with Foundation donors as well as staff members who represented the hundreds of nonprofit organizations that have received grants over the past 25 years. The magnificent Albuquerque International Balloon Museum provided a beautiful backdrop for past Foundation grant recipients who provided the entertainment.

**Senior Arts** works to enrich the lives of older adults. Most don’t have the financial resources or transportation to attend professional performances or art classes. Bringing artists to the centers makes it possible for low-income seniors to experience the joy and inspiration which art can bring. The Native Artists’ project funds performance by the Ehecatl Aztec Dancers.

**Los Reyes de Albuquerque**

Over 45 years ago, Roberto Martinez founded Los Reyes to perform the traditional Hispanic Nuevomexicano music he and his family love. In 1983, Los Reyes started a program called ‘Music Enhancement for the Elderly’, which was designed to bring Hispanic music to seniors in nursing homes and senior centers.

**Outpost Productions**

Outpost Performance Space offers classes, performance opportunities, visual arts exhibits and outreach performances for youth in the community. Classes are currently offered for beginning, intermediate and advanced level jazz ensemble and African Drumming. Community Foundation grants support youth in need who would like to take classes but cannot afford the class fee.

**National Institute of Flamenco**

For over 25 years, the National Institute of Flamenco has worked tirelessly to preserve the art, culture and history of flamenco. Partially funded through a Donor-Advised Fund at the Community Foundation, the Institute...
**Holly Trolley**

To add a little jolly for underserved children in our community this holiday season, participants in the Foundation's Family Philanthropy Program will deliver gift boxes to **PB&J Family Services**. Donations to fill the boxes or cash to purchase items are appreciated. We’d like to pack about 90 boxes. Suggested items include: Small jars of peanut butter $2.00 each, gloves $1.00 each, stocking hats $1.00 each, crayons and sketch pad $4.00, a small toy $5.00. Also, we need empty shoe boxes. Bring them by our office or call, and we'll pick them up.

If you and your children would like to climb aboard the Holly Trolley with us, please contact Kelli Cooper or Colleen Frangos at 505.883.6240. Sponsored in part by ABQ Trolley.

**Family Philanthropy**

Busy in the back room during the Grantmaking celebration, children of the Foundation’s Family Philanthropy donors packed snack bags for a summer food site funded through the New Mexico Collaboration to End Hunger.

**Future Fund**

The Foundation's young donor group, the Future Fund, has had another successful year. Beginning in January with the "Round the World" membership party, the group has enjoyed several social events, visited the Barrett House library they built and stocked several years ago, and helped fund the New Mexico Collaboration to End Hunger. They will complete the year with a grant panel to award their remaining funds.

Future Fund membership is continually open to those in their 20s, 30s and up to 45 who wish to share in the vision of building Albuquerque's future and help make dreams come true.

For more information, visit [http://www.albuquerquefoundation.org/giving/future_fund/](http://www.albuquerquefoundation.org/giving/future_fund/) or contact Colleen Frangos at 505.883.6240.

**Colleen Frangos**

*Development Associate*

The Foundation introduces Colleen Frangos as Development Associate. Colleen has recently moved back to Albuquerque from Denver, Colorado where she was the Development Director at The Delores Project, Denver’s largest emergency shelter for women. Colleen has four years of nonprofit development experience and a degree in Public Health from the University of Georgia.

**Nancy Thompson Harris Award**

When Nancy Thompson Harris passed away in 1997 after a battle with breast cancer, her family and friends established the Nancy Thompson Harris Fellowship for Excellence in Teaching Literature. Nancy’s sister, Diane Brewer, and her husband, Curtis, chose a restricted endowment fund with the Foundation to leave a legacy benefiting Nancy’s special interest in literature and her dedication to teaching. This summer, a reception was held in the Foundation’s new Gorham Family Conference Room to honor past recipients and their nominators of the award.
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Every strong, healthy community needs a strong, viable Community Foundation. Through your Corporate Giving program, you can support the work of the Community Foundation, build relationships, and help to sustain, strengthen and improve the quality of life in the greater Albuquerque area.

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Concours du Soleil

The Foundation’s annual fundraiser, Concours du Soleil, was a truly enchanted New Mexico fall evening. Hosted at a magnificent estate in Los Rancho, the sold-out event hosted a crowd that enjoyed the opportunity to preview some of the state’s rarest collector automobiles.

Proceeds from Concours du Soleil benefit
The Cinco Amigos Now & Forever Fund of the Foundation, All Faiths Receiving Home, Children’s Cancer Fund of NM and NM Appleseed.

Giraffe Award
The Linda K. Estes Giraffe Award honors an individual who takes personal or professional risks to stand up for his or her beliefs and make a difference.
The Giraffe Award Endowment Fund honors Linda K. Estes, former Associate Director of Athletics at the University of New Mexico and a champion of women’s equality at UNM and across the state, she consistently “stuck her neck out for the better good” – hence the Giraffe Fund name.
The 2008 Giraffe Award winners were Valerie Plume and Joe Wilson. Their nominator stated that they each stuck their necks out to seek justice and to provide truth to the American people.
The cash award that typically accompanies the award was donated back to the Giraffe Award Endowment Fund by the 2008 honorees.

A Tax Update from Our Professional Advisors
The “Charitable IRA Rollover” is scheduled to expire at the end of this year. It may extend into 2010, although this is not certain. Congress enacted legislation stating there are no required withdrawals from any type of retirement account in 2009. This applies to IRAs, 401(k) plans, 403(b) plans, profit sharing plans -- any type of qualified retirement plan account. (All required distributions were temporarily waived for the year 2009 because of the devastating hit to stock prices in 2008).
If you will be making charitable gifts regardless of the IRA laws, there is still a tax benefit for people over age 70 1/2 even though there are no required distributions in 2009. To whom would this apply?
(1) donors who do not itemize their deductions
(2) donors who have exceeded the 50% annual deduction limitation for the year or who otherwise have charitable tax deduction carry-forwards
(3) people who want to reduce the taxable portion of their estate (retirement accounts) and increase the tax-free portion of their estate (cash, stocks that will get capital gain treatment)
We recommend you contact your tax professional if you have questions.

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Nonprofit Community Calendar – Add Your Event!
Visit the Foundation’s new website, www.albuquerquefoundation.org. On the homepage you will see a nonprofit events calendar. The calendar was created so that nonprofits can avoid conflicts that cost attendance and fundraising dollars. You are invited to add your major events. It’s easy!

Times are Tough – Can You Help Fill The Gap?
The Foundation received more grant proposals this year than ever before, and unfortunately, grant dollars have declined due to the drop in the market. Unfunded grants have been posted on the Foundation’s website at: http://www.albuquerquefoundation.org/community_impact/unfunded_grants/. Donors who are interested in making a year-end grant should visit the site or contact the Foundation office.
**NEW MEXICO COLLABORATION TO END HUNGER**

The 2009 Intergenerational Summer Food Program was a huge success. There were 46 sites across New Mexico from Bloomfield to Silver City and Raton to Columbus. 7,000 children were fed; 500 volunteers participated.

Other components of the program included:
- Connecting each site to free USDA-funded breakfast and lunch.
- Privately-funded weekend food bags. One of the most popular items was a 12 ounce jar of peanut butter each weekend. The family survey revealed that weekend bags fed up to four other family members.
- Volunteers packed and handed out the weekend food bags and helped plant and tend gardens with the children.
- Programming each day for the children – including education on nutrition, English as a Second Language, gardening, outdoor sports and indoor crafts.
- Outreach materials were provided in the food bags – referring families to SNAP and WIC services and to sign up for free lunches during the school year.

The Mescalero Apache site served 225 children between the ages of 4 and 18 who also received free breakfast and lunch through USDA.

**OFFICE OF PHILANTHROPIC OUTREACH**

A collaborative initiative of Lieutenant Governor Diane Denish, the Children’s Cabinet, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and the Community Foundation, the Office of Philanthropic Outreach opened June 1, 2009 under the direction of Robin Brulé. Housed at the Community Foundation, the Office is dedicated to social innovation and philanthropic partnerships in order to affect positive and sustainable services to improve the lives of New Mexicans.

“Among government, businesses, nonprofits and foundations, we all serve the same population,” says Robin Brulé. “We need to put our heads together to develop partnerships between these groups to create innovative, capacity-building, and system-changing work.”

Additionally, the Office will help leverage national funding, as there are 72,000 grantmaking foundations nationwide; yet New Mexico is home to only 0.3% of those foundations. The Office will work across the state to maximize best practices and charitable dollars.

For more information visit www.philanthropicoutreach.org

**LADDER TO LEADERSHIP**

A national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJ) in collaboration with the Center for Creative Leadership (CCL), Ladder to Leadership is designed for emerging leaders in organizations serving community members who need a range of health care services, from primary care to addiction treatment. As the baby boomers begin to retire, the nonprofit sector is bracing for a severe staffing shortage; it’s been estimated that by 2016, nonprofits will need roughly 80,000 new senior managers a year. Ladder to Leadership builds expertise in collaboration, managing staff, team building, networking and innovation. As part of the program, fellows learn core leadership skills through intensive training sessions and individual coaching. They build those skills while collaborating with other professionals on real-world health problems in their own communities, and they apply those enhanced skills, connections and confidence every day on the job. RWJ and CCL chose the Community Foundation to serve as a collaborator because of its knowledge of the local nonprofit community. 31 emerging leaders in nonprofit health organizations have been awarded fellowships, and the program kick-off was held in early September in Albuquerque.

For the next 16 months, fellows remain in their current positions while they receive training and mentoring and work on “action learning projects” that address real needs in the community. The 31 participants are listed on the Foundation’s website:

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